


REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. This Preliminary Amendment effects the Article 34 Amendments made during PCT proceedings. Applicants note that although a copy of the article 34 Amendments were filed with the application, they are not in the USPTO image file wrapper. Therefore, a copy of the article 34 Amendment also is submitted herewith.

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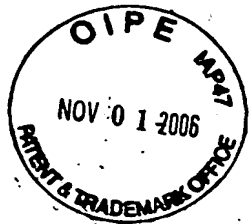
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AMENDMENT UNDER SECTION 34

DESCRIPTION

TITLE RECORDING MEDIUM PLAYBACK APPARATUS

that is in rotating, is dismounted from the turntable, that is the clamp unit.

To overcome the above problem, an object of this invention is to provide a recording medium playback apparatus, which can prevent unclamping the recording medium during playback.

How to attain the object

In order to attain the objects, a recording medium playback apparatus according to this invention is characterized by including a main body; a clamp unit clamping a recording medium to be received in the main body and rotating the recording medium; a lock unit movable between a lock position, in which the clamp unit is locked to the main body, and a unlock position, in which the clamp unit is made movable against the main body; and a clamp lock/unlock unit limiting to unlock clamping by the clamp unit when the lock unit is positioned in the unlock position, and allowing to unlock clamping by the clamp unit when the lock unit is positioned in the lock position, ^{add all this} (and characterized by that the clamp unit comprises: a turntable positioning the recording medium on a surface thereof, and clamping the recording medium positioned on the surface, and rotating together with the recording medium; and a pick-up unit provided to move freely between an unclamp position, in which clamping the medium on the turntable is unlocked, and a playback position, in which the recording medium is clamped on the turntable and information on the recording medium is played back, and the clamp lock/unlock unit allows the pick-up unit to move to the unclamp position when the lock unit is positioned in the unlock position).

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a CD changer as a recording medium playback apparatus of an embodiment according to the present invention;

- 5 Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing a fixed chassis, a disk conveying unit, a disk playback unit, a disk receiving unit and a disk positioning mechanism assembled together in the CD changer shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a partially exploded perspective view of the fixed

CLAIM(S) :

1. (Amended) A recording medium playback apparatus comprising:

a main body;

a clamp unit clamping a recording medium to be received in the
5 main body and rotating the recording medium;

a lock unit movable between a lock position, in which the clamp unit is locked to the main body, and an unlock position, in which the clamp unit is made movable against the main body; and

a clamp lock/unlock unit limiting to unlock clamping by the clamp
10 unit when the lock unit is positioned in the unlock position, and allowing to unlock clamping by the clamp unit when the lock unit is positioned in the lock position,

wherein the clamp unit comprises:

a turntable positioning the recording medium on a surface
15 thereof, and clamping the recording medium positioned on the surface, and rotating together with the recording medium; and

a pick-up unit provided to move freely between an unclamp position, in which clamping the medium on the turntable is unlocked, and a playback position, in which the recording medium is clamped
20 on the turntable and information on the recording medium is played back,

wherein the clamp lock/unlock unit limits the pick-up unit to move to the unclamp position when the lock unit is positioned in the unlock position, and allows the pick-up unit to move to the unclamp
25 position when the lock unit is positioned in the lock position.

2. (Amended) The recording medium playback apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the clamp lock/unlock unit comprises:

add lock
 5 a cutout formed by cutting out between an end of the pick-up unit, close to the turntable, and an inner edge of the pick-up unit; and

a rotating member provided rotatably on the main body to move an end portion of the rotating member between a condition, in which the end portion can penetrate into the cutout of the pick-up unit
 10 positioned in the playback position, and another condition, in which the end portion moves out of the cutout of the pick-up unit positioned in the playback position,

wherein the end portion of the rotating member penetrates into the cutout of the pick-up unit positioned in the playback position
 15 when the lock unit is positioned in the unlock position, and the other end portion of the rotating member is pushed by the lock unit in a direction of that the one end portion moves out of the cutout, and the end portion of the rotating member moves out of the cutout of the pick-up unit positioned in the playback position.

20 3. (Amended) The recording medium playback apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the clamp unit comprises:

add to lock
 a movable member provided movable along a direction perpendicular to a surface of the turntable and biased to move close to the turntable;

an extract/retract member provided between the turntable and
 25 the movable member, an end of the extract/retract member projecting from the surface when the movable member moves close to the turntable

and retracting under the surface when the movable member moves apart from the turntable,

wherein the pick-up unit is provided with a first insert portion to penetrate between the turntable and the movable member when the

5 pick-up unit moves from the playback position to the unclamp position,

wherein the other end portion of the rotating member is provided with a second insert portion to penetrate between the turntable and the movable member when the pick-up unit moves from the playback position to the unclamp position,

10 wherein the first insert portion and the second insert portion penetrate between the turntable and the movable member and the one end of the extract/retract member retracts under the surface of the turntable when the pick-up unit is in the unclamp position, and the first insert portion and the second insert portion move out of a
15 gap between the turntable and the movable member and the one end of the extract/retract member projects from the surface of the turntable when the pick-up unit is in the playback position.

4. (Cancelled)

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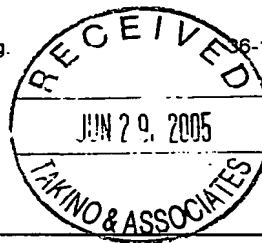
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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